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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - NAC MEETING ON AEGEAN

(S/S NO. 7617214

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ARMITAGE, ACTING, THROUGH HABIB

REF: USNATO 4468

1. THE PROBLEM.

PANSA AT URGING OF BELGIANS HAS CALLED NAC MEETING  
FOR AUG 12 AND USNATO HAS REQUESTED GUIDANCE.

2. DISCUSSION.

WE ASSUME YOU HAVE SEEN REFTTEL WHICH REPORTS  
NEGATIVE REACTION OF GREEK PERMREP TO IDEA OF A NAC  
DISCUSSION OF THE AEGEAN. GIVEN HIS ATTITUDE, AND THE  
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GENERALLY NEGATIVE REACTIONS OF THE OTHER PERMREPS

EXCEPT THE BELGIANS, WE REMAIN DUBIOUS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF THIS INITIATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, IT WILL REFLECT NATO'S OBVIOUS INTEREST IN SETTLING THIS DISPUTE IN ITS OWN HOUSE AND COULD HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR SOME FORM OF NATO MEDIATION FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE.

INCIDENTALLY, WE ARE TOLD BY OUR MISSION THAT TOMORROW'S MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PANSAS OFFICE TO KEEP DOWN ATTENDANCE AND PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY. WE SUGGEST THAT OUR CHARGE BE INSTRUCTED TO DRAW ON YOUR REMARKS AT DEAUVILLE. CHARGE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THE UPCOMING SC MEETING AND APPEAL FOR RESTRAINED AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION THERE BY BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS. HE SHOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT OUTCOME OF SC DISCUSSION WILL BE THAT PARTIES AGREE ON AN APPROACH BY WHICH THEY CAN RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY. NATO SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LEND ITS AUTHORITY AND ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING WHATEVER MEANS IS CHOSEN TO WORK TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST A BRIEF PRESS RELEASE TO DEMONSTRATE NATO'S CONCERN AND INTEREST IN RESOLVING GREEK-TURKISH DIFFERENCES.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

-- THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CABLE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO USNATO.

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/SUGGESTED CONFIDENTIAL, EXDIS CABLE TO USNATO, INFO ATHENS, ANKARA.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO A PRESS INQUIRY ON AEGEAN SITUATION AT DEAUVILLE ON AUGUST 10: "WE HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT TOUCH SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK WITH BOTH THE GREEK AND THE TURKISH SIDES. WE HAVE URGED THE UTMOST RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES. AND WE HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE ISSUES, WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY OF A LEGAL NATURE, CAN BE DETERMINED IN MANY FORUMS, AND THAT THEY DO NOT, IN OUR STRONG CONFIDENTIAL

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OPINION, JUSTIFY THE RECOURSE TO MILITARY ACTION BY EITHER SIDE."

2. IN AUGUST 12 NAC, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THESE REMARKS IN URGING RESTRAINT AND POINTING OUT THAT PROBLEM IN AEGEAN CAN BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS, I.E., BY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, REFERENCE TO MUTUALLY AGREED THIRD PARTY PROCEDURES OR BOTH.

3. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHORTLY, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY WILL STRIVE TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS THERE IN A RESTRAINED AND A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE

DELIBERATIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL RESULT IN THE PARTIES SELECTING ANY ONE OF A NUMBER OF APPROACHES WHICH WOULD LEAD TOWARD THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN CHARTER AND ARTICLE ONE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY FIXED VIEWS AS TO WHICH MEANS MIGHT BE USED TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

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ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD SAY, WE ARE SURE THAT NATO STANDS READY TO HELP IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY AGREEABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES.

4. CONCERNING PRESS GUIDANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT NATO SHOULD ISSUE STATEMENT THAT NAC MET ON THIS ISSUE, VOICED ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE AEGEAN SITUATION AND URGED THE TWO PARTIES TO SEEK A SOLUTION THROUGH THE VARIOUS MEANS AVAILABLE TO THEM. STATEMENT SHOULD SAY THAT NATO IS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND STANDS READY TO HELP IN ANY MANNER AGREEABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES.

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